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Friends,

Welcome to Colchester!

As you may already know, this playing field belongs to the Colchester Institute, the college nearby.

They will probably want you off and could take legal action.

If you would like some help dealing with any papers they serve – and getting free legal aid – you are welcome to give us a call on the number above.

I live next to the Laundrette, which is at the corner of North Station Road. You are welcome to call by.

At the moment, every local council is supposed to be counting the "homeless" people in the area and making plans for their accommodation.

If you are living in a trailer and have pulled onto land you don't own – you count as "homeless", because you don't have a legal place to stay.

This is your choice, of course. But you have a right to register as "homeless" – and this could lead to you getting a place on the new trailer site being planned by Colchester Borough Council.

Meanwhile, the National Travellers Action Group, the Gypsy Council, together with Colchester MP Bob Russell and others, are trying to get the Traveller Law Reform Bill passed by Parliament – which will lead to more sites being opened, and make it easier to obtain planning permission to live on land you may buy.

Best wishes

Grattan